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Michael Machado
Delta Protection Commission
P.O. Box 530
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Dear Mr. Machado,

On behalf of Sacramento County, I am writing to express support of a National Heritage Area (NHA) designation for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as is currently being studied by the Delta Protection Commission (Commission). A Delta NHA will be a valuable tool to help the Delta gain visibility as a destination for recreation and tourism activities, this assisting with economic development and public education.

As understood, the NHA designation can provide opportunities for projects such as historic preservation, development of visitor amenities, enhancement of recreation areas, and others which will help support the Delta. A Delta NHA can help recognize, enhance, and promote "Delta-as-Place" in order to build awareness of the Delta and its important resources.

Communities located in Sacramento County, including Freeport, Hood, Courtland, Locke, Walnut Grove, and Isleton, have played important roles in the history of the Delta. Often referred to as "Legacy Communities," they are filled with a rich and diverse cultural heritage that can be valued and appreciated by visitors and locals alike. These communities remain crucial centers to sustain the Delta and support economic drivers of the region including agriculture, recreation, and tourism. Historic resources can be found throughout these communities, which are supportive of the Delta's national significance.

Again, on behalf of Sacramento County, I am writing to express support for a Delta NHA. Sacramento County looks forward to partnering with the Commission to further pursue this effort and, as staffing allows, could provide support for tasks such as local public outreach, acquiring relevant data for a NHA management plan, and collaboration on NHA projects within Sacramento County. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 874-5491. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Roberta MacGlashan
Chair, Sacramento County Board of Supervisors

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